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1. After the open break between Tito and the Cominform the idea of independence began to receive encouragement and to find support in Yugoslavia. Tito is coming to be regarded as the founder of a strong and independent Yugoslavia. In this aim even the followers of Mihailovic, fanatical nationalists, are supporting Tito in this effort of his, but only because they hope that in time they will see Yugoslavia independent and cooperating with the West.
2. The Royalists do not agree and do not offer their cooperation, as do the followers of Mihailovic. They live under Communism in the hope that, as the situation steadily deteriorates, the Communist Party of Yugoslavia will withdraw and will join the Soviet Union (sic), when the King will be recalled to lead the nationalist faction in cooperation with the West. The Royalists cleave to these views, because if Tito finally prevails with the cooperation of the West, then there is no likelihood that the King will return.
3. The Moslems of Bosnia and Herzegovina are the most faithful Communists, and they incline towards the Soviet Union rather than towards Tito.
4. Montenegro is the Achilles heel of Tito because, despite its autonomy, there is an atavism in the sympathy of the Montenegrins for Russia under whatever regime. Consequently Tito is uneasy, although to date the Montenegrins have not demonstrated any reaction against him, and in the Congress in Belgrade they voted for Tito.
5. Severe measures have been taken against the entire Albanian minority of Moslems living in the area of autonomous Yugoslav Macedonia. The number of these Albanians amounts to 500,000 or 600,000. They have always shown a tendency to unite with Albania, and now there is fear that they will be influenced by Russian propaganda inspired by the breach between Tito and the Cominform.
6. Yugoslavia has shown progress in her reconstruction and in her means of communication. But the cost has been very great, and she is now in a very unfavorable economic situation. If the neighboring states and Central Europe put an end to their economic cooperation, then public

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opinion will probably turn against Tito.

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8. In spite of the talk and the expressions of sympathy for Russia, the chasm between Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union cannot be bridged.

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